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Testimony to the Committee on Labor and Public Employees  
**Bill No. 5313 – AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER SERVICES AND  
HOMEMAKER COMPANION AGENCIES**  
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Good afternoon Sen. Holder-Winfield, Representative Tereyak, Ranking members of the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

My name is State Representative Bruce V. Morris and I represent the 140<sup>th</sup> House District in Norwalk. I am here to testify in opposition of Committee Bill 5313 – AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER COMPANION AGENCIES.

I am here with a constituent of mine Crystal Ramsey who is the co-owner of the Greenwich Nurses Registry. The Nurses Registry has served Greenwich and the surrounding communities for more than 80 years. They serve a range of patients from pediatrics through geriatrics and the terminally ill.

However, their model of home care would be eliminated if HB 5313 passes.

In lieu of the HB 5313 I ask you to support a task force to study employment issues concerning registries in the homemaker and companion services industry. I believe in so doing, you will find the nurse registry model is different than the home maker and companion services general model and merits a carve out, to allow this much valued service.

Thank you for your time. Crystal will now talk more about her registry and the public policy effects if this legislation passes.